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Why do you think whale sharks have big mouths?

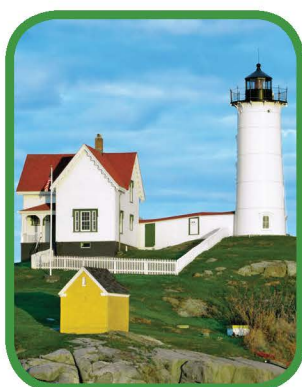
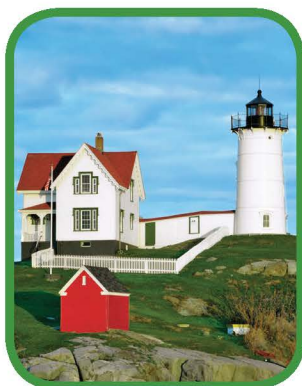


A whale shark swims with its big mouth open when it is hungry. The tiny plants and animals it eats get scooped up into the shark's mouth.

SORTING

What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.
Find the differences between it and the one below.



Find one
difference.

Find two
differences.

Find three
differences.

That's Cool!

Meet the lubber grasshopper.



These grasshoppers get around mostly by crawling slowly.

Grasshoppers eat grass and many other kinds of plants.

Lubber grasshoppers have short wings, but they cannot fly.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



GRAY _OLF



EMPEROR _ENGUIN



_ALRUS



_EINDEER



POLAR _EAR



SNOWY _WL



SNOW _EOPARD



WEDDELL _EAL



JAPANESE _ACAQUE

NAME OTHER ANIMALS THAT LIVE WHERE IT SNOWS.

ANIMALS

A close-up photograph of two giant pandas in a natural setting. One panda is in the foreground, looking up towards the other panda. The second panda is positioned slightly higher and to the right, with its mouth open as if it is playfully biting or nuzzling the first panda's neck. The pandas have thick black and white fur. The background consists of green foliage and some dry grass.



GIANT Pandas

It's playtime!
A mother
giant panda
plays with her
baby. These
black-and-
white bears
live in China.



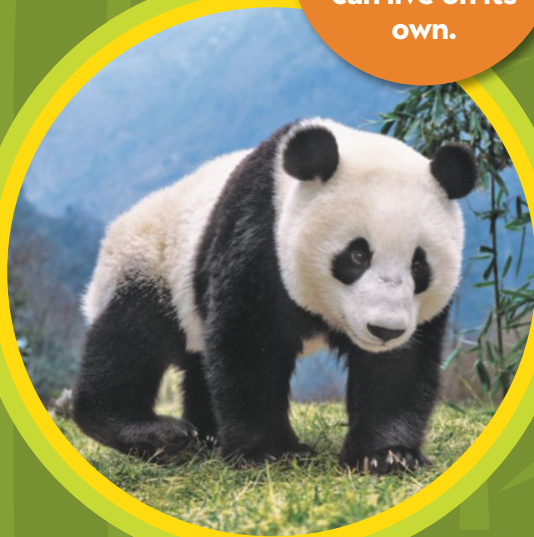
A giant panda baby, called a cub, learns how to climb a tree with Mom's help.

Giant pandas eat bamboo, a kind of grass that can grow very tall. Pandas spend a lot of time eating.

Sometimes a panda mother has two cubs at once, called twins. Their thick fur keeps them warm when it snows.



When a cub is almost two years old, it can live on its own.



Wild pandas are very shy. They live in mountain forests away from people.

BAMBOO FORE

Five things in
this picture are
the wrong color.
Can you find
them?



EST



What are each of the animals in this picture doing?

ANIMALS

AT HOME IN SNOW

Arctic hares live in the far north where winters are cold and snowy. They have thick, white fur that keeps them warm.



Their fur also helps them hide. White like the snow, arctic hares blend in so enemies have a hard time seeing them.

Curled up and lying still, this arctic hare is well hidden and hard to see.

Arctic hares use their strong claws to dig through snow to find plants to eat.



When winter is over, warm spring weather melts the snow. Now the arctic hare grows a new coat of darker fur.



An arctic hare looks like this as its new coat of darker fur grows in.

In warm weather, arctic hares can find flower buds, leaves, and berries to eat.



More HARES

There are about 30 different kinds of hares. Here are just a few.



SNOWSHOE HARE



SCRUB HARE



INDIAN HARE



EUROPEAN HARE

FINDING

Look!

Look at the pictures below. Find the same objects in the photo at right. Circle them with your finger.



For more fun, find all the **hats**.
Then find all the **mittens**.
Which objects are **red**?



A BIRD CATCH



1

A bird called an osprey sees a fish swimming underwater. The osprey flies toward the water. It holds its legs forward, ready to catch the fish.

ES A FISH



2

The osprey grabs the fish with its talons, which are the claws on its feet.



3

It flies away holding the fish in its talons. It will land somewhere dry to eat.

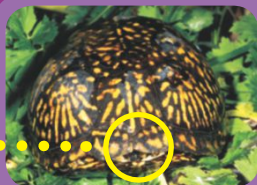
BOX TURTLES!


Eastern box turtles live in woods and meadows. You might see one when you go for a walk. Here are a few things you can look for if you see a box turtle.



The flatter shell on the turtle's tummy is called a **plastron**.

A box turtle can pull its head, legs, and tail inside its hard shells and close up tightly. It does this when it is **frightened**.





A turtle's top shell is called a carapace. An eastern box turtle's carapace is brown and yellow.

You can tell a male (boy) box turtle from a female (girl) by looking at their eyes. Females have yellow eyes. Males have red eyes.



Do you think this turtle is a male or female?

Eastern box turtles look for food during the day. At night they use their feet and claws to dig a shallow hole to sleep in.

The top jaw of its mouth has a little hook on the tip that helps it grab food. It eats snails, worms, berries, flowers, fish, and many other things.

SORTING

Fun With S

Draw a line with your finger from each labeled shape to an object it matches.

square

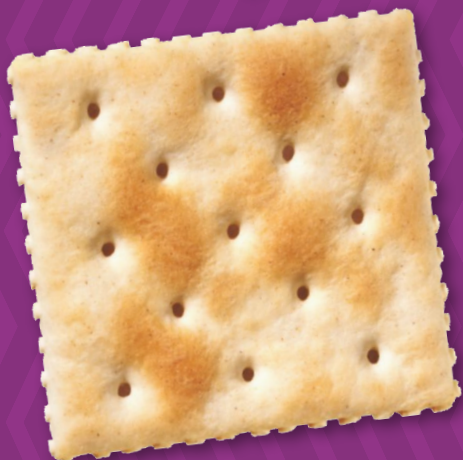


circle



hapes

triangle



rectangle

KITCH BAIN / SHUTTERSTOCK (BLUE BLOCK); DONATASIOS / SHUTTERSTOCK (BUTTER); KASPRI / SHUTTERSTOCK (SIGN); DANNY SMYTHE / SHUTTERSTOCK (CRACKER)

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WILD CARDS



WHITE-FACED CAPUCHIN MONKEY

white-faced capuchin monkey

FUN FACTS

These monkeys live in groups called troops. At night they sleep on tree branches in their forest homes.



WILD CARDS



SCARLET MACAW

scarlet macaw

FUN FACTS

This brightly colored bird lives in rain forests in North and South America. The macaw's beak is strong enough to crack open nuts.



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FISHING CAT

fishing cat

FUN FACTS

A fishing cat eats lots of fish. The cat uses a paw to scoop fish out of the water. Fishing cats also eat frogs, snakes, and birds.



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THORNY LIZARD

thorny lizard

FUN FACTS

**Thorny lizards live in Australia.
They eat about 750 ants a day.
These reptiles change color when
the temperature changes.**



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MAUVE STINGER

mauve stinger

FUN FACTS

A mauve stinger is a kind of jellyfish. It lives in warm seawater. These animals use their long tentacles to trap food.



WILD CARDS



LONG-TAILED WEASEL

long-tailed weasel

FUN FACTS

Long-tailed weasels are born in the spring. Adults have long, bushy tails. This weasel is good at climbing and swimming.



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OBSERVATION

Critter Corner

What is this cougar doing?



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- A. running in the snow B. eating an ice-cream sandwich
C. dancing in a house

Answer: A

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